--- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Division Open "A 62" - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1 pound - lithographed in blue ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

--- *Without* the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **---**

--- 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

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John McKay records that 86,380 *lithographed* copies of "1 lb. Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

John McKay further records that 18,415 *lithographed* copies of "1 lb. Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). On January 13th 1883 the Department had notified BABN not to produce any new supplies of the 1880-81 strips, and thus these 4th Contract strips were likely prepared under the 3rd BABN Contract, and were only 'Delivered' to the Area Collectors between 1886-1888.

Finally in the second 'TOBACCO' section of the **4th BABN Contract** John McKay records as 'Delivered' 36,860 *lithographed* copies of "1 lb. Blue Ribbon Tobacco". This second "TOBACCO" section of the **4th BABN Contract** was reserved for *obsolete* 1881 strips, which having been declared *obsolete* were 'Delivered' by BABN to the Department in February / March 1888 for disposal.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	86,380
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	18,415
4th BABN Contract - 2nd section -	36,860
	141,655

The final 'upper-limit' control numbering on the 1 pound blue "Canada Customs" strips - as collected to date

1 pound, Division Open - A 62	**013336**
1 pound, Montreal Division - M 62	**090836**
1 pound, Toronto Division - C 62	none
	104,172

The catalogue lists the 1 pound, blue, Division Open "A 62" CUSTOMS strip as follows:

RP-349 - 1 pound, blue, perf 12, Division Open - A 62, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**
RP-350 - 1 pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 62, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls

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RP-349n - 1 pound, blue, perforated 12, Division Open **"A 62"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RP-350 - 1 pound - *coarse roulette* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RP-350 - 1 pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 62"**, control number **010531**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

010531★		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010548		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010563		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010592		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010610		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010636		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010644		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010671		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010692		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010693		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010712		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010718		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010721		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010745★		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010766		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010770		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010779		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010816		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010848		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010853		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010877		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010882		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010893		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010898		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010931		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010983		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010987		RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
013336★	1881	RP-350	1 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh, Stamped Toronto - dated 18*81*

The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1 pound, blue, *imperforate*, Division Open **"A 62"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

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